

32692
Customer Number

Patent
Case No.: 59031US003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: YAPEL, ROBERT A

Application No.: 10/595152

Confirmation No.: 3408

Filed: 17-SEP-2004

Title: DIE COATERS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR § 1.8(a)]

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

- ☒ transmitted to United States Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below via the Office electronic filing system.
- ☐ deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- ☐ transmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 571-273-8300.

September 3, 2010

/Sherri K.W. Johnson/

Date

Signed by: Sherri K.W. Johnson

Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed August 27, 2010, which included the Examiner's Detailed Action. Applicants agree that the pending claims are patentable over the prior art. In order to clarify the record, it is respectfully pointed out that:

1. The statements in paragraph 3 of the Detailed Action attached to the Notice of Allowability to the effect that claim 10 of the application requires an offset bracket are incorrect. Whereas, claims 12-14, 24, and 26-28 require an offset bracket, claims 10 and 31 do not. Claim 31 was allowed by the prior examiner in charge of this application, see her office action dated May 27, 2010, and the reasons for allowance of claim 10 were articulated in applicant's Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 filed on July 27, 2010, pages 10-11.

2. Paragraph 4 of the Detailed Action states that claims 12-14 and 26-28 are dependent on claims 10 and 24. With all due respect, claim 12 (as amended in the Amendment and

Response Under 37 CFR §1.116) is independent (as pointed out in the Remarks at page 10 of that Response) and claims 13 and 14 depend from claim 12.

3. The title of the application is given in the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due as “METHODS FOR FORMING A COATING LAYER HAVING SUBSTANTIALLY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND DIE COATERS”; whereas, the title was amended in applicant’s amendment dated February 24, 2010 to “DIE COATERS” to be more consistent with the scope of the claims. Please use the correct title in the published patent.

Respectfully submitted,

September 3, 2010

Date

By: /Douglas B. Little/

Douglas B. Little, Reg. No.: 28,439

Telephone No.: 651-733-1501

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833